AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, tangibly embodied in a computer-readable storage medium ~~an information carrier~~, comprising instructions operable to cause data processing apparatus to:

display application data in user interface elements, the user interface elements comprising two or more independent elements and one or more dependent elements, where one of the independent elements can have the property of being the selected element, and where the application data displayed in the dependent elements is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the selected element;

receive user input from a user to establish a decoupled mode when a key is pressed and held by the user, and to establish a normal mode when the key is released by the user; and

receive navigation input~~, other than~~ distinct from the key used to establish the normal and decoupled modes ~~and distinct from the user input,~~ to navigate from one user interface element to another user interface element, where in the normal mode, navigation to an independent element with the navigation input is sufficient to cause the independent element to become the selected element, and where in the decoupled mode, navigation to an independent element while the key is pressed and held by the user does not change which~~, if any,~~ of the independent elements is the selected element.

2. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 1, further comprising instructions operable to:

~~receive user input from a user switching to the normal mode from the decoupled mode and thereupon~~ cause the independent element specified by the most recently received navigation input to become the selected element upon receiving user input from the user switching to the normal mode from the decoupled mode.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the key comprises a control key on a keyboard.

5. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1, further comprising instructions operable to:

display application data in a table having two or more rows and one or more detail views, the rows being the independent elements and the one or more detail views being the dependent elements, where if one of the rows is the selected element, the application data displayed in the detail views is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the selected element.

6. (Original) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein

the dependent elements include first level elements and second level elements, where one of the first level elements can have the property of being the first level selected element, and where the application data displayed in the second level elements is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the first level selected element, further comprising instructions operable to:

receive user input to navigate to first level elements, where in the normal mode, navigation to a first level element causes the first level element to become the selected element, and where in the decoupled mode, navigation to a first level element does not change which, if any, of the first level elements is the selected element.

7. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 6, further comprising instructions operable to:

receive user input from [[a]] the user switching to the normal mode from the decoupled mode and thereupon cause the first level element specified by the most recently received navigation input to become the first level selected element.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method, comprising the steps implemented by a computer of:

displaying application data in user interface elements, the user interface elements comprising two or more independent elements and one or more dependent elements, where one of the independent elements can have the property of being the

selected element, and where the application data displayed in the dependent elements is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the selected element;

receiving user input from a user to establish a decoupled mode when a key is pressed and held by the user, and to establish a normal mode when the key is released by the user; and

receiving navigation input~~, other than~~ distinct from the key used to establish the normal and decoupled modes ~~and distinct from the user input,~~ to navigate from one user interface element to another user interface element, where in the normal mode, navigation to an independent element with the navigation input is sufficient to cause the independent element to become the selected element, and where in the decoupled mode, navigation to an independent element while the key is pressed and held by the user does not change which~~, if any,~~ of the independent elements is the selected element.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

~~receive user input from a user switching to the normal mode from the decoupled mode and thereupon cause~~ causing the independent element specified by the most recently received navigation input to become the selected element upon receiving user input from the user switching to the normal mode from the decoupled mode.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the key comprises a control key on a keyboard.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

displaying application data in a table having two or more rows and one or more detail views, the rows being the independent elements and the one or more detail views being the dependent elements, where if one of the rows is the selected element, the application data displayed in the detail views is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the selected element.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein

the dependent elements include first level elements and second level elements, where one of the first level elements can have the property of being the first level selected element, and where the application data displayed in the second level elements is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the first level selected element, the method further comprising:

receiving user input to navigate to first level elements, where in the normal mode, navigation to a first level element causes the first level element to become the selected element, and where in the decoupled mode, navigation to a first level element does not change which, if any, of the first level elements is the selected element.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

receiving user input from [[a]] the user switching to the normal mode from the decoupled mode and thereupon causing ~~cause~~ the first level element specified by the most recently received navigation input to become the first level selected element.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for displaying application data in user interface elements, the user interface elements comprising two or more independent elements and one or more dependent elements, where one of the independent elements can have the property of being the selected element, and where the application data displayed in the dependent elements is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the selected element;

means for receiving user input from a user to establish a decoupled mode when a key is pressed and held by the user, and to establish a normal mode when the key is released by the user; and

means for receiving navigation input~~, other than~~ distinct from the key used to establish the normal and decoupled modes ~~and distinct from the user input,~~ to navigate from one user interface element to another user interface element, where in the normal mode, navigation to an independent element with the navigation input is sufficient to cause the independent element to become the selected element, and where in the decoupled mode, navigation to an independent element while the key is pressed and

held by the user does not change which~~, if any,~~ of the independent elements is the selected element; and

a processor for implementing at least the means for receiving navigation input.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

means for causing the independent element specified by the most recently received navigation input to become the selected element upon receiving user input from the user switching to the normal mode from the decoupled mode.

17. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the key comprises a control key on a keyboard.

18. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

means for displaying application data in a table having two or more rows and one or more detail views, the rows being the independent elements and the one or more detail views being the dependent elements, where if one of the rows is the selected element, the application data displayed in the detail views is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the selected element.

19. (New) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the dependent elements include first level elements and second level elements, where one of the first level elements can have the property of being the first level selected element, and where the

application data displayed in the second level elements is made to correspond to the application data displayed in the first level selected element, further comprising:

means for receiving user input to navigate to first level elements, where in the normal mode, navigation to a first level element causes the first level element to become the selected element, and where in the decoupled mode, navigation to a first level element does not change which, if any, of the first level elements is the selected element.

20. (New) The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising

means for causing the first level element specified by the most recently received navigation input to become the first level selected element upon receiving user input from the user switching to the normal mode from the decoupled mode.